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**Attachments:** Re: [External] Text changes to Ag 3 Pager

The agenda looks good to me.

We need to make sure that we provide the members all the information they need to move on these items quickly next Friday. To get at the agenda item relating to what is needed to implement the plan, we should send out to them again a copy of the resource needs document (but maybe the 3-pager has that all in covered), and a good summary of our recommendations to allow them to talk thru what legislative/reg/policy/programmatic changes are needed to get at the goals. The template would seem to be the best listing of our goals and actions to use to get at what programmatic changes we need, but it is so cumbersome to go thru it might not be the easiest to work from. The 4-pager that Matt developed may be a good thing to send out again to the group to work from in developing our programmatic changes needed.

Attached is the latest email I have with the final version of the 3-pager. I hope this is what you are looking for.

Doug

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I've updated the agenda to include John's suggested topics.

I was notified this morning that we need to somehow outline "how" our recommendations will be achieved in the Draft WIP. I think we're almost there, regarding resource needs, but programmatic/regulatory changes still need to be addressed.

Do any of you have the "final" draft of the 3 page Ag WIP Fact Sheet? I'm having a challenging time locating it in my inbox and I'd like to provide it to the workgroup for reference as well.

I've attached the PA BMP Verification Fact Sheet (sent to the workgroup on 12/21) and Matt's draft reporting recommendations (with my edits, also sent to the workgroup 12/21) that hopefully will help inform the discussion about reporting from the feds. The issue that Denise laid out is two-fold:

1. **NRCS reported practices are starting to “fall out” of the model due to meeting their credit duration end date without inspection.** – This is true, and I have been told that this is a global issue affecting all jurisdictions. With that said, it has been raised to the CB Water Quality GIT by West Virginia and discussions are occurring to try to treat NRCS practices differently (not making them fall out and allowing them to continue receiving credit) until such time as the federal agencies can work together and figure it out.
2. **NRCS reported practices are not all being reported** – this is also true, but to an extent. What NRCS calls “CTA” means that they were not funded by NRCS, but someone identified them as being implemented and meeting NRCS standards and specifications (implemented with non-federal dollars). We have issues with sorting out what they’ve reported as CTA (since it comes to us on a county-wide scale) and what we have from other data sources (i.e. Growing Greener, Conservation Districts, Surveys, etc.). We raised this with CBP and are trying to find a mechanism to ensure that it is all being collected. There are a few options on the table, but again this is a global issue affecting all jurisdictions that rely on NRCS data and so one of the options is to have NRCS report directly to EPA; another option is to have some contracted third party to take all the data from NRCS and the state and sort it (since we can’t see locational information) to ensure that nothing is lost and nothing is duplicated.

Let me know if I missed anything. I intend to send out the attached documents (and the Fact Sheet) to the workgroup tomorrow.

Thanks,

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I appreciate the initial effort, Jill.

Not to chase after old ghosts, but do we also devote some time to two other items that have been discussed but may not be finalized in the minds of our Workgroup:

1. **Discrepancy in affected acreage from recommended buffer benchmarks.**  
I feel comfortable we satisfactorily resolved the issue at the co-chair level, but maybe not with other Workgroup members. I know I was supposed to share our

recent email stream with appropriate documents with members and failed to do so. My bad. I still think we should provide the materials and schedule a short segment on the agenda to make sure the explanation and resolution of discrepancy are satisfactory with the Workgroup.

- 2. Failure to properly capture and credit federally funded ag conservation projects.** I'm still not sure I fully understand the root of the problem, but the problem exists and continues. I remember it being also mentioned several times anecdotally in Ag in Balance II. But Matt R did draft a statement regarding the issue and presented it to the Workgroup for further consideration. I thought was pretty good. Even if we can't get more specific, it may be worthwhile for the Workgroup formally consider and take action on it or a version of it for inclusion in the revised Workgroup report of recommended benchmarks.

John

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What do you think of the draft agenda? I'm assuming that you all will have "take-aways" from the PA In the Balance conference to share next week so that the workgroup can focus on that during this meeting?

And since it will be a "working lunch", who will be providing it?

Thank you,

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That's his prerogative. But unless other Co-chairs disagree, his public commentary at the February meeting should be limited to the public input portion at the end. And he should not get more than 5 minutes to speak. Don't want to imply to Pat that we won't give him space at the March meeting. But we shouldn't have to provide him an unfettered forum at the February meeting either, and he needs to understand that. Otherwise he will be jeopardizing receptiveness to his ideas on this issue (at least in my mind).

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On February 11, 2019 at 3:06:23 PM EST, Goodlander, Douglas <[dgoodlande@pa.gov](mailto:dgoodlande@pa.gov)> wrote:

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I am cool with including it as a sub-bullet under a larger topic of suggested revisions, then we will not forget it. I also fully expect Pat to be in the room to watch over our deliberations, even though he knows he himself will not have time on the agenda.

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I don't have any problem with your approach. I'm just afraid personally I may easily forget to bring up any matter that doesn't appear on the agenda sheet. So, I will assume in absence of its listing on the meeting agenda that you will remember to initiate discussion of this issue. 😊

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I will communicate this message to Pat, that he does not need to come prepared to speak to the group, and that we will consider his recommendation at our next meeting.

I have not reviewed his recommendations at this point either. I would suggest we keep this item to a minimum on the agenda, consistent to how we will be reviewing the myriad of other report revision recommendations. I do not think it would need to be a separate item on the agenda, but could be listed as a bullet under a heading for review of proposed changes to the report, which would also include a review of the changes suggested by attendees at the pa in the balance conference.

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Honestly, I haven't had time or energy to review. I think we should share it with Workgroup members and at least put a limited time on the agenda 15-30 min.) of the 22nd meeting to "discuss preliminarily" the topic. I also think one of us needs to communicate with Pat Thompson, both to let him know that some consideration will be given initially to the material on the 22nd and to inform him we don't intend to include a personal presentation from him on the agenda.

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I would not put him on the agenda, he will take up too much time.

I would think this would be one of any number of topics that will need to come before the workgroup on the 22<sup>nd</sup> as proposals to revise or tweak the current recommendations due to suggestions at the conference and other recent input opportunities.

We could send out his information to the full workgroup as input for them to consider prior to the meeting where we can discuss revising this item in the recommendation, along with discussing the other topics that will come out of the conference.

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Should we put him on the agenda to speak for 15-30 minutes, or are we assuming that he would not interject during the normal meeting?

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Hi Jill,

Here is a topic for the next ag wip workgroup meeting. we cannot spend much time on this specific topic but it should be one of the topics that we cover as requested revisions to the current draft recommendations.

Pat Thompson requested to know when the next meeting is being held and if it was a public meeting, so I would imagine he will show up.

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PA WIP3 Ag Work Group Co-Chairs;

We are pleased to offer the attached inputs for consideration by the Ag Work Group in preparing recommendations to the PA WIP3 Steering Committee.

The first attachment addresses elements related to manure treatment technologies (MTT) identified in item A.6. of the Work Group's July 3, 2018 report. As you requested, we have included an estimate of the nitrogen load reductions that could be achieved by Pennsylvania MTT systems prior to the 2025 TMDL deadline. We have used our MTT facility in Adams County to illustrate results that could be achieved by designated MTT Pilot Projects during 2019-2020.



The second attachment is an Executive Summary.

We and our Hillandale partners would welcome the opportunity to meet with the full Ag Work Group to discuss, amplify and refine this information.

Sincerely,

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